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FOR

Working Women

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REPORT

OF THE

TEMPORARY HOME FOR WORKING WOMEN

453 SHAWMUT AVENUE

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INCORPORATED MAY 20, 1878

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1906

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MANAGERS' REPORT FOR 1906.

THE TEMPORARY HOME FOR WORKING WOMEN.

The history of the Temporary Home for Working Women is no exception to that of many other institutions — it repeats itself from year to year. If written only for those who have watched the work of the Home in the past, its yearly report might well be limited to the statistical and financial statement, for there is nothing new to add to the tale so many times told. But for the new friends who are less familiar with the object and scope of its work, and who may desire more information concerning it, the usual brief account is here given.

The Home, then, is meant to be a temporary refuge for respectable women in hard circumstances — a place where, while seeking permanent employment, they may obtain for a time decent food and shelter, without paying for these in money and yet without losing their self-respect. Just here is the distinguishing feature between this and other Homes for destitute women in the city. Its inmates are expected to give a return for what they receive, but they are allowed to do this in the only way possible to many of them — by the work of their hands.

The larger proportion of the inmates are employed in the laundry and sewing room, where excellent custom work is done. Those who are not adapted to these branches of industry are kept busy about the work of the household. The

oversight, which is constantly exercised in all the departments, is a training which cannot fail to send a woman out of the Home better fitted to earn her living than she was on entering it. Moreover, opportunity is thus afforded of testing the capacity of each woman, with a view to placing her in a suitable situation.

The record showing the number for whom places have been found does not take account of those who have embraced the opportunity which is always given them to obtain situations for themselves. Neither does it by any means represent the amount of labor expended by the matron in looking up and verifying statements, consulting with other institutions, corresponding with employers or with the friends or relatives of the inmates and otherwise providing for their future welfare.

While a certain proportion of discouraging cases might seem not to repay such an expenditure of thought and exertion, enough good results are actually obtained to justify a feeling of thankfulness for what has been already accomplished and a spirit of hopeful confidence in the future usefulness of the Home.

RESULTS.

Women admitted since 1878	12,909
Women admitted in 1906	520
Women permanently placed	219
Women temporarily placed	15
Women sent to day's work	660
Women sent to hospital	8
Women sent to suitable charitable institutions	2
Number of lodgings	6,142
Number of meals	17,244

NOTICE.

All respectable women who apply are admitted into the Home, provided they are able to work in pay for their board and lodging.

Babies under two years, with their mothers, may be admitted for a few days only.

Each case is looked into by the Superintendent, and if possible a suitable situation is found where the woman may become self-supporting.

Women unfit for work are sent to a hospital or to the Charitable Institution best suited to their needs.

No woman may stay more than one month at the Home, or be received again until six months shall have elapsed, unless by special permission.

The Home is conducted by a Superintendent and two Assistants, under the supervision of a visitor from the Board of Managers.

The industries of the Home are laundry work, sewing, and the care of the house, and the women are taught to do better work in these departments.

The Home is strictly non-sectarian.

Temporary Home for Working Women — Annual Account November 30, 1906

Balance 30th Nov., 1905		$ 717 44
Receipts at Home:—		
Laundry Receipts	$1955 37	
Donations	2 71	
Sewing Room	237 66	
Board	337 25	
Lodging	30 55	
Sundries	11 79	
		$2575 33
Income:—		
Contributions	$1282 00	
Bank Acct. Interest	13 50	
Ashton Estate	1550 00	
Income from Frances Mary Mackay Fund	250 00	
Income from Robert Charles Billings Fund	180 00	
Return from Investm'ts	1478 11	
		$4753 61
		$8046 38

Expenses at Home:—			
Salaries	$1122 38		
Wages	909 83		
Provisions	996 94		
Groceries	805 10		
Fuel	388 77		
Gas and Water	67 22		
Ice	44 72		
House Repairs	136 80		
House Furnishings	195 09		
Laundry Expenses	157 16		
Laundry Hire	139 80		
Sewing Room Expenses	15 71		
Incidentals	59 12		
Postage	25 92		
Printing	44 05		
Telephone	46 21		
Christmas Gifts	40 00		
Advertising	4 20		
		$5199 02	
Investments		2141 61	
Balance		705 75	
			$8046 38

The Funds of the Home are invested as follows:

	Par Value	Market Value	
27 Shares Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	100	$3,780	140
10 Shares Boston & Albany R. R.	100	2,450	245
2 Bonds Milwaukee Elec. R. R. & Light	5's 1000	2,160	108
1½ Bonds Iowa Falls & Sioux City	7's 1000	1,845	123
2 Bonds Salt Lake City	5's 1000	2,120	106
2 Bonds Wisconsin Valley R. R.	7's 1000	2,190	109½
1 Bond St. Louis & San Francisco	5's 1000	1,140	114
1 First Mortgage in R. E. in S. Boston (5 p.c.)	2000	2,000	
3 Atchinson Adj. Bonds	4's 500	1,395	93
2 Kansas City Clinton & S.	5's 1000	1,960	98
2 Miss. Pacific Coll. Tr.	5's 1000	2,080	104
3 Chicago, Burlington & Q.	4's 1000	2,970	99
4 Chicago & W. Mich.	5's 1000	4,040	101
5 Am. Tel. & Tel. Co.	4's 1000	4,600	92
2 Central Pac. Ref. Mtge.	4's 1000	2,030	101½
4 Municipal Gas & Elec. 4½	1000	4,040	101
2 Japanese Imp. Loan 4½	2000	1,825	91¼
1 Bond Portland Electric	5's 1000	1,010	101
		$43,635	

The Home occupies its own building appraised at $15,000.

RICHARD C. STOREY, Treasurer.

Examined and Approved.

HENRY B. CHAPIN.
LAWRENCE M. STOCKTON.

Boston, December 1, 1906.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1906.

Miss M. S. Ames	$25 00
Mrs. C. W. Amory	10 00
Mr. E. P. Beebe	50 00
Mrs. S. P. [illegible]	5 00
Mrs. C. F. Bradford	10 00
Mrs. J. L. [illegible]	10 00
Mrs. S. Brooks	20 00
Mrs. A. D. Chapin	5 00
Mrs. A. Cochrane	20 00
Mrs. J. R. Coolidge	10 00
Mr. J. T. Coolidge	10 00
Mr. T. J. Coolidge	10 00
Mrs. C. P. Curtis	10 00
Mrs. J. F. Curtis	10 00
Mr. R. M. Cushing	25 00
Mr. L. S. Dabney	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Dalton	5 00
Mrs. J. T. Fields	5 00
Mrs. W. S. Fitz	10 00
Mr. G. A. Goddard	50 00
Mr. F. B. Greene	10 00
Mrs. G. G. Hammond	25 00
Mrs. H. L. Higginson	15 00
Mr. G. A. James	10 00
Mrs. H. Kuhn	$25 00
Miss Larkin	2 00
Mrs. G. C. Lee	5 00
Mrs. H. C. Lodge	10 00
Mrs. T. K. Lothrop	10 00
Mrs. G. G. Lowell	10 00
Mrs. Theodore Lyman	15 00
Miss I. M. Mason	50 00
Mrs. O. W. Peabody	5 00
Mrs. J. C. Phillips	25 00
Mrs. Pickman	10 00
Miss S. G. Putnam	20 00
Mrs. H. P. Quincy	5 00
Miss S. E. Read	20 00
Mrs. F. W. Sargent	10 00
Dr. H. F. Sears	10 00
Mrs. R. G. Shaw	10 00
Mr. F. Skinner, Jr.	10 00
Mrs. A. Thorndike	5 00
Miss Mary L. Ware	20 00
Miss Cornelia Warren	5 00
Miss Mary Whitney	5 00

DONATIONS.

Mr. Arthur Amory	$ 5 00
Mrs. S. Reed Anthony	5 00
Mr. A. S. Bigelow	5 00
Mrs. G. T Bigelow	10 00
Mrs. Arthur W. Blake	5 00
Mrs. Walter M. Briggs	10 00
Mrs. W. S. Bullard	5 00
Mrs. C. P. Cheney	25 00
Mrs. Channing Clapp	5 00
Mrs. C. R. Codman	10 00
Miss Codman	5 00
Mrs. M. L. Coolidge	5 00
Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby	10 00
Mrs. Allen Curtis	10 00
Mrs. Louis Curtis	10 00
Mrs. G. S. Curtis	5 00
Mr. Nelson Curtis	10 00
"E. S. C."	25 00
Mr. S. B. Dana	5 00
Dr. Franklin Dexter	10 00
Mrs. R. W. Emmons	15 00
Mr. Wm. Endicott	25 00
Mrs. Wm. Farnsworth	5 00
Mrs. L. C. Fenno	25 00
Mrs. J. N. Fiske	10 00
Mrs. Reginald Foster	10 00
"A Friend"	10 00
Mrs. Chas. Fry	5 00
Mrs. H. S. Grew	5 00
Mrs. Chas. P. Hemenway	5 00
Mrs. R. C. Hooper	20 00
Mrs. Eliot Hubbard	5 00
Mrs. Arthur Hunnewell	10 00
Mrs. H. S. Hunnewell	10 00
Mrs. W. H. Johnson	5 00
Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Kidder	10 00
Mrs. H. P. Kidder	10 00
Mr. Charles Merriam	25 00
Mrs. S. T. Morse	5 00
Mrs. H. L. Morse	5 00
Mrs. F. S. Moseley	25 00
Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton	5 00
Mrs. F. Morison	10 00
Mr. John Parkinson	10 00
Mrs. R. T. Paine, Jr.	5 00
Mr. R. T. Paine	5 00
Mrs. Wallace L. Pierce	10 00
Mrs. Neil Rantoul	10 00
Mrs. Jacob C. Rogers	15 00
Mrs. Robert Saltonstall	5 00
Mrs. Winthrop Sargent	10 00
Mrs. K. W. Sears	10 00
Mrs. P. H. Sears	5 00
Mrs. G. Howland Shaw	10 00
Dr. F. P. Sprague	5 00
Mrs. R. H. Stevenson	10 00
Mrs. F. Stone	5 00
Mrs. N. Thayer	10 00
Mrs. A. F. Van Nostrand	10 00
Mrs. Wm. F. Weld	10 00
Mrs. H. C. Weston	10 00
Mrs. J. W. Wheelwright	10 00
Mrs. R. C. Winthrop	10 00
Mrs. F. A. Whitwell	5 00
Mr. Ralph Williams	10 00

GIFTS.

March.	Boots from Mrs. H. B. Chapin.
April.	Clothing from Mrs. G. R. Shaw. Clothing from Miss E. F. Mason. Clothing from Middleboro. One pair shoes—no name. Clothing from Mrs. H. Loren.
May.	Books from Miss F. E. Horton. Clothing from Miss L. A. Jackson.
July.	One hundred street car tickets from Boston Elevated Railway Co. Box of peas from Mrs. W. C. Loring. Flowers from Boston Flower Mission.
Aug.	Box of vegetables from Mrs. G R. Shaw. Flowers from Boston Flower Mission.
Sept.	Boston Directory from Mr. E. W. Jones. Flowers from Boston Flower Mission.
Oct.	Box of apples from Mrs. G. R. Shaw. Magazines from Mrs. W. M. Briggs.
Nov.	Two boxes of clothing—no name.
Dec.	Twenty-five articles of clothing from the Needlework Guild.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath to the treasurer of the Temporary Home for Working Women, a corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of..... Dollars, to the use and benefit of said corporation.